

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
TRANSPORTATION/CENTRALIZED SERVICES DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 05-04-19**

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Commission Meeting: April 19, 2005, 9:00 a.m.

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**9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling** (Commission Conference Room)

**9:30 a.m. Business** (Bollinger Room)

**Public Comments**

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. T-04.57.PCN (Wayne)

On October 25, 2004 Ravalli County Council on Aging dba Bitterroot Bus, Hamilton, Montana applied for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. That application was noticed to the public on November 24, 2004. A protest was received. In the interim, legislation under HB 273 was introduced that would exempt this carrier from Commission regulation. That legislation has been signed into law. The carrier requests that this docket be closed and the application withdrawn.

Class A - Passengers between all points and places in Ravalli County, Montana

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Close docket and withdraw application.

ACTION:

2. TN2257 (Wayne)

Ravalli County Council on Aging dba Bitterroot Bus, Hamilton, Montana requests that PSC No. 9410 be cancelled effective immediately based upon HB 273, recently signed into law.

SUB B Class B - Passengers between all points and places in Ravalli County, Montana. Limitations: 1) Twenty-four (24) hour advance notice required of all regulated transportation, except transportation on a fixed, scheduled route within Hamilton, Montana and a five (5) mile radius; 2) Council on Aging or successor in interest must not charge a fee for regulated Medicaid transportation less than that charged by Valley Taxi or Valley Taxi's successor in interest; 3) No sale, transfer, or lease to a for-profit entity; 4) Transportation of passengers in limousine service is prohibited.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Cancel PSC No. 9410 at carrier request.

ACTION:

3. TN2258 (Wayne)

Lewis & Clark Transit System LLC, White Sulphur Springs, Montana requests suspension of PSC No. 9450 for a six month period, April 19, 2005 to October 19, 2005.

Class B – Passengers between all points and places in White Sulphur Springs, Montana and a 175 mile radius. LIMITATION: Transportation must originate or terminate in Meagher County, Wheatland County, Clyde Park, Montana or Wilsall, Montana.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Suspend PSC No. 9450 per carrier request.

4. Approval of Commission Minutes (Wayne)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of April 11, 2005.

ACTION: